Edible Oil: No request has been received from Government of Gujarat. Kerosene: The annual SKO allocation to the State of Gujarat during the year 1999-2000 was 832432 MT and the same allocation has been made during the year 2000-2001. In addition, the Government has made ad-hoc allocation of 2000 KLs of SKO to the State in view of unprecedented.

Villages Covered by PDS

3305. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages covered by the PDS, State-wise;

(b) the mode of transport of PDS items into interior villages where metalled roads do not exist;

(c) how do Government ascertain that all the items in PDS reach to the villages; and

(d) how many times physical verifications were made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) As per reports received from the State Government/UT Administrations all villages in the country are covered under Public Distribution System (PDS) through a network of 368417 fair price shops in rural areas. Statewise list of fair price shops in the country as reported by State Government/UT Administrations is enclosed as statement (*See* below).

(b) State Governments/UT Administrations have adopted various locally suitable and available modes of transport e.g., tractors and trollies, jeep, mini-vans or light vehicles, bullock carts, mules, boats and porters for transportation of PDS items to remote villages in areas where metalled roads do not exist.

(c) and (d) PDS is operated under the joint responsibility of Government of India and the State Government/UT Administrations. While the Central Government is responsible for procuring and making available to the States the PDS commodities up to the designated depots of FCI, the responsibility of distribution to the card holders through the network of fair price shops rests with the State Government. The States have been instructed to formulated and implement foolproof arrangments for delivery of PDS commodities to fair price shops and for their distribution in transparent and accountable manner. State Government have been instructed to conduct surprise checks on FPS and actively involve Panchyati Raj Institutions at FPS level for monitoring apart from activating Vigilance Committes at all levels.

Statement

Statewise No. of Households, BPL Households, Fair Price Shops and Ration Cards

State/UT	Popu-lation -1999 (in lakhs)	%BPL as exp-ert gro-up	No. of House-holds 1999 (in lakhs)	No. of BPL holds 1995 (in lakhs)	Fair Price Shops			Ration Cards (in Lakhs)			No. of Card per FPS	Repor-ted as on
					Rural	Urban	Total	BPL	APL	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Andhra Pradesh	746.17	25.68	156.43	37.78	32860	7578	40438	113.25	51.53	164.78	407	Apr-00
Arunachal Pradesh	11.55	40.86	2.34	0.77	842	103	945	0.82	2.6	3.42	362	Mar-00
Assam	258.78	40.86	44.39	19.06	28687	3660	32347	18.82	23.7	42.52	131	Apr-00
Bihar	981.22	54.96	159.29	85.9	47293	10242	57535	84.26	88.74	1.73	301	Nov-97
Goa	15.47	14.92	3.1	0.38	429	161	590	0.07	3.02	3.09	524	Jun-00
Gujarat	475.51	24.21	86.3	19.95	10518	3750	14268	33.9	71.96	105.86	742	Jun-00
Haryana	195.46	25.05	31.03	7.33	5182	2521	7703	5.68	37.74	43.42	564	Jun-00
Himachal Pradesh	65.45	40.86	12.26	4.26	3630	277	3907	2.77	9.27	12.04	308	Apr-00
Jammu and Kashmir	97.09	40.86	18.42	6.17	2237	689	2926	3.36	10.12	13.48	461	Sep-97
Karnataka	514.36	33.16	93.18	28.75	14912	5400	20312	64.56	47.23	111.79	550	May-00
Kerala	319.82	25.43	60.57	15.35	12279	1982	14261	20.58	41.62	62.2	436	Jun-00
Madhya Pradesh	783.46	42.52	138.67	53.34	21037	3863	24900	43.65	134.18	177.83	714	Mar-00
Maharashtra	901.22	36.86	175.33	60.45	35005	10802	45807	58.13	135.96	194.09	424	Jan- 00
Manipur	24.41	40.86	4.7	1.3	1753	175	1928	0.67	1.13	1.8	93	Jun-97
Meghalaya	23.59	40.86	4.35	1.44	3257	572	3829	0.97	0.98	1.95	51	Mar-97
Mizoram	9.22	40.86	1.62	0.53	771	232	1003	N.A.	1.66	1.66	166	Apr-00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Nagaland	16.29	40.86	2.92	0.95	138	213	351	0.96	1.05	2.01	573	Mar-99
Orissa	355.35	48.56	67.3	31.82	20824	3841	24665	41.23	39.85	81.08	329	Dec-99
Punjab	232.76	11.77	39.32	4.3	9514	4401	13915	5.02	49.17	54.19	389	Jun-00
Rajasthan	526.39.	27.41	87.15	21.66	14386	4557	18943	22.87	80.93	.103.8	548	Feb-00
Sikkim	5.41	41.43	1.02	0.34	519	359	878	N.A.	N.A.	0.66	75	Oct-97
Tamilnadu	612.55	35.03	137.65	45.79	20625	5889	26514	64.88	91.59	156.47	590	Jun-00
Tripura	36.65	40.86	6.99	2.31	1185	174	1359	2.31	4.55	6.86	505	May-00
Uttar Pradesh	1663.64	40.85	267.47	95.48	64393	12326	76719	95.48	159.96	255.44	333	Jul-98
West Bengal	779.72	35.66	143.33	46.59	15673	4842	20515	46.11	109.13	155.24	757	Oct- 98
Andaman and Nicobar	3.74	34.47	0.79	0.22	286	118	404	0.12	0.74	0.86	213	May-00
Chandigarh	8.6	11.35	1.96	0.18	47	183	230	0	2.12	2.12	922	Apr-00
D and N Haveli	1.84	50.84	0.35	0.14	78	N.A.	78	0.16	0.16	0.32	410	Jun-00
Daman and Diu	1.35	15.8	0.25	0.03	7	6	13	0.02	0.28	0.3	2308	May-00
Delhi	134.18	14.69	26.73	2.96	428	2739	3167	N.A.	36	36	1137	Mar-00
Lakshadweep	0.69	25.04	0.11	0.02	21	14	35	N.A.	0.13	0.13	371	May-00
Pondicherry	10.76	37.4	2.16	0.65	163	233	396	0.9	1.63	2.53	639	Jun-00
TOTAL	9812.7		1777.48	596.2	368979	91902	460881	731.55	1238.73	1970.94	428	